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WHEELING, W. VA., SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1900.

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time employment is now impossible because the present ocean freights render

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ON THE DECLINE.

Prices of Nearly All Products Tak-

ing a Healthy Transition-Cotton

the Sensational Feature of the

NEW YORK, May 25 .- R. G. Dun &

Transition to a more natural range of

ous branches to avoid losses. It is nearly six months since the highest

prices of pig iron were reached Novem

February 21, and cotton and cotton

goods March 21. The tables given by

point for all prices was March 16, and after two months of slow declining, the

range for all prices was but 4.5 per cent

lower May 16. But the past week has

added its full share, a fall of 4% per cent in cotton, 3 per cent in pig iron,

1.5 per cent in iron products, 2 per cen

in hides, 21/2 in boots and shoes and 31/2

in leather, 31/2 in petroleum, and a little

Cotton Risky to Handle.

The decline in cotton was rendered

Weakness in wool, as yet not enough

Iron and Steel Declines.

than many realize.

this paper have shown that the highes

an American merchant marine."

Week.

row will says:

exportation unprofitable.

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# VOLUME XLVIII-NUMBER 237.

## AGUINALDO DENOUNCED BY MORGAN

to Senator From Alabama Siys We Would Have Disgraced Ourselves to the Entire World

#### HAD WE GIVEN UP THE ISLANDS.

diffication of Paris Treaty Welcomed by the Southern People. Just Pension Bills.

WASHINGTON, May 25 .- The senate day convened at 11 a. m. Mr. Gallinted a conference report on the General Henry, a pension. rees reduced the amount of from \$100 to \$75 a month. was agreed to.

rgan introduced a bill to puns against the United States od within a state. He said emed to unlock the difficulty ent was in now as to the n of an offender from the it's to Cuba. The bill was reed to the judiciary committee.

Philippine Bill Then Discussed. lippine bill was then taken up Morgan addressed himself to reed with Mr. Lodge and Mr. to the Philippines, but as to bill he differed from them netitutional points and as to for and wisdom of the enthe measure. He agreed Philippines were ours and that he title of the United States to the isler the treaty of Paris was lear and beyond any question.

Mr. Morgan declared that no promises had ever been made by our military and rel commanders to recognize the Taal government. In fact no such govent existed in the Philippines when Devey arrived there and took Manila. At that time Aguinaldo was in Singaenjoying the pay for his treachy he had received from the Spaniards. Aguinaldo a Political Adventurer. denounced Aguinaldo as a politiadventurer and traitor and asserted at "we would have disgraced ourad we yielded to the demand of Aguindo and his followers to loot the isnds and especially Manila."

Discussing the ratification of the saty of Paris, Mr. Morgan said: ome this open door of relief to people of the south, especially in r honorable struggles to repair the ets and humiliations of the war beeen the states, and I honor the Presiest and our commissioners for leading m in this course of national duty to a

## PENSIONS GRANTED

Dependent Widows of Eminent Generals-Talbot an Obstructor. WASHINGTON, Muy 25 .- The house ted two hours this morning which the legislative day of day to the continuation of conof the Alaska civil governat bill without completing it. The on from noon until adjournment

ed to private pension bills.

Mr. Talbot, (S. C.), who abandoned

live tactics a few weeks ago, was in in evidence to-day. About 190 had been favorably acted upon by nittee of the whole, Mr. Talbert ed their passage in the house with at of no guorum. Among the favorably-neted upon to-day were Captain Gridley, who comthe Olympia in the battle of \$30 per manth; the widow of mmodere R. W. Meade at \$40 and the widow of the late M. F. Force, of Ohio, at \$50 per The latter case is a very padidate for governor of Ohio then Allen was elected. Subse was minister to France death Mrs. Force has fallen tute circumstances and is now d in truck farming near Cincin

#### READY TO RETURN.

r Envoys Will Make a Flying Circuit and Then Set Sail for Their Native Shores.

statement was Issued to-day er envoys, who are at present

Fischer, Wassels and Wolwho are representing the African republics in this coune received many pressing invim most of the large cities of ed States to visit them, but . It will not be to accept all of the invitations

their intention to return as sao stances permit, to their own staying in Europe sufficient arry out their instructions, but aving they have concluded to the great demand on the par American people to spend a few are in America and they have first of all, to visit Easti-Philadelphia, Providence and luring net week.

Have Little Time to Spare.

visiting these cities they are in I being able to spare the time od their visit to several other

with invitations. The common councils and mayors of a number of cities are urging them by resolutions, to make them a visit, and it may be possible that their stay in the country may be prolonged a few days in order to mee their wishes.

The envoys regret exceedingly that they cannot meet the great numbers of people who are so anxious to greet them, as they would like to do. They express themselves as very grateful for the many expressions of sympathy heard upon all sides for the cause that is so dear to them, and they trust the fact that they cannot visit all who wish them to do so, will in no way interfere with the full and free expression of sympathy and good will on their part.

#### TO DIE TOGETHER

Was the Dream of Ernest Hecht and Louise Foster-Latter Crossed the Styx, but Hecht is Still Here.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 25 .- Louis Coster was murdered last night in the Collins block, by Ernest Hecht. He first poisoned her and then attempted to take his own life. He confessed the crime to-day, saying "She started it and I ended it. I saw her die and ther attempted to kill myself."

Mrs. Foster was found in her room by Mrs. Mary Wilbur, who lives in the block. Hecht was sitting in a chair in the room. Mrs. Wilbur saw that Mrs. Foster was dead. Chloroform was the means used by Hecht to kill Mrs. Fos ter.

#### Letter Filled With Love. The police found the following letter

"My Sweetheart:-This is my first and last love letter to you. When you arrive here to-night I will be ready for you. I will be all your own until you are ready to keep your promise. Will ask but one thing of you; Do it well, and quickly and if there is a hereafter, I will wait for you. We will go hand

holds for us. "My darling, you thought me cruel, but I was kind. If I had done as you harder to have given it all up. I do not suffer. I have died a hundred deaths is to be relegated to the rear, and a man to-day, but I am tired of the struggle. Fate is stronger than I.

#### Expected to Mest Again.

"Take me in your arms; hold me close to your warm, loving heart, until mine grows cold. Let your love be the last thing that I will realize in this world, so that I can take it with me into the next. Your lips take my last breath only to give it back when we meet again, for meet we certainly will, be it in heaven or hell. I will go where you

"I will write no more now, as words are but empty sounds. Be brave for I will. Destroy this letter, for we must leave nothing behind for the world to gleat over. My darling, I kiss you." Hecht said he committed the crime at 1 a. m. and the woman died at 1:30.

#### AMERICAN SOLDIERS

Ambushed-Two Battalions Scouring the Country Strike Aguinaldo's Trail.

MANILA, May 25.-Major Peyton C March, with a battalion of the Third infantry, and Col. Luther R. Hare, with another part of the Thirty-third regiment, while scouring the country north east of Benguer, report that they have struck the trail of Flipinos, travelling in the mountains and believe that they are escorting Aguinaldo. Major March is continuing the pursuit across an ex-ceedingly difficult country, beyond the

is continuing the pursuit across an exceedingly difficult country, beyond the telegraph lines.

Sergeant Barry and four privates of Company B., of the Twenty-seventh regiment, have rescued the daughter of the president of San Mateo from some ladrones, who abducted her. After wards twelve ladrones ambushed them, killing the sergeant. Three privates stood off the band, while the other secured reinforcements, Seven ladrones were killed. were killed.

#### STAGE STRUCK.

Another Society Girl Decides to Try Her Fate Before the Foot-Lights. Intimate With the McKinleys.

PHILADELPHIA, May 25,-Anothe society girl has determined to go upon the stage and will make her first appearance with the Alfred E. Aarons Musical Comedy Company in "Mam'selle 'Awkins" at the Walnut Musical street theatre here on Monday night. She is Miss Anne Whiting Huntington. Miss Huntington's home was until recently in Canton, Ohio, where she was born. Her parents are now living in Pittsburgh, Pa. She enjoys a very inti mate friendly relation with President McKinley's family. She was on tof the inauguration party which accompanied the newly elected President from Canton to Washington at the time of his in auguration and was one of the belies of the inauguration ball.

A very interesting fact in connection with Miss Huntington is that her par ents officiated as bridesmald and best man at President McKinley's marriage and Mr. and Mrs. McKinley subsequent ly acted in a similar capacity at the marriage of her parents. Miss Huntington's brother, Van Huntington, is a well known hotel man.

#### Haval Officer Dead.

WASHINGTON, May 25.-Word was received at the navy department to-day that Lieut, William P. Elliott died at Manila to-day, of sunstroke. He was annis to-day, of sunstroke. He was a native of Pennsylvania, and was ap-pointed to the navy in September, 1861. His total sau service covered more than tweaty-three years, and exceeded that of nearly every other officer. In the navy, including all the admirals on the native list.

## Bill Pritts Captured.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., May 25,-Pill Pritts, a famous moonshiner, who has per escaped many raids of detectives for a the middle states, timely notioned them of the period of twenty years, was surprised the of which will be given to the and captured to-day at the home of a tree who have honored them friend, in the mountains.

## **BRYAN AND**

## HIS PLATFORM A DEAD LOAD.

Hunting for a Patriot Who Supported the Demo-Pops "Under Protest" During Last Canvass

## AS VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE.

It Will Not be Towne-National Committee to be Reorganized-Ex. Gov. Wilson's Letter Quoted.

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligence WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25 .- Ac ording to authenticated reports current in Washington, the fight on Mr. Bryan made by leading Democrats, will not defeat his nomination, but the opposition is well organized, and its promo-ters have burned their bridges behind them. They say Bryan and the plat-form of '96 will be a dead load in the Name an Exceptionally Strong Councoming campaign, and their hope is now to relieve the party of a part of the burden. The belief will come thay say, in nominating for second place, a

#### standing the handicap. They are can-Will Not be Towne.

who supported the aggregation of four

by the party, for party's sake, notwith-

years ago, "under protest"-who stood

His name will not be Towne, if they can help it, nor will anybody of the Towne guild be acceptable to them. They care nothing for what the Populists may say about discarding the choice of that party for vice president. Indeed, the Demo-Populistic alliance altogether is most distasteful to these old-fashioned leaders.

n hand to meet whatever the beyond The opposition to Bryan, and the Bry an ideas is said to go farther than this. It contemplates the re-organization of wished it would have been so much the party's national committee on lines totally different from these of '96. Jones put in his place at the head of the committee who will lend character to the changed policy of the party. Free gilver at 16 to 1, the bucking statesmen say will be subordinated, and every nember of the committee, so far as they can control, shall be baptized anew It

#### Free Silverites to be Deposed.

Those who were conspicuous in their dvocacy of the '96 heresy must be sucseeded by men who regard the finances of the country as of too much consequence to jeopardize by a trial of every naw idea some one may suggest as a vote-catcher. And if the sound money men do not get their will, they will re-fuse longer to bear the burden of a hopeless contest. They contend that : straight fight on Democratic lines will at least command respect; that if not successful, and they say Bryan's policy cannot be, a sturdy front and an honest purpose this year will pave the way to sure success in 1894.

#### Wilson Sound on Expansion.

The recent letter from ex-Governor Wilson, of West Virginia, an extract from which has been printed in the Inelligencer, has been quoted extensively. His position on expansion, especially, and his condemnation of the attitude of his party on the retention of the Philipinpes, has been referred to as sound, and other Democrats point to his utterances, us an indication of the unres within the party over present condi-

tions.
All eyes are turned to Mr. John R. McLean, whose alleged disaffection has been giving uneasiness to the Bryan forces. He and Governor Wilson are cited as eminent examples of the ele-ment which is determined to teach the Bryan klds a lesson in politics. If not taught before or in the con-

rention it will be later, and it will be

#### e that will last. Monongahela Contract Annulled.

Upon the recommendation of Major harles F. Powell in charge of the improvement of the Monongahela river, hich recommendation is endorsed by Seneral John M. Wilson, chief of engin ers United States Army, the sceretary of war this afternoon directed the an plment of the contract with Mr. Mc-Donald, for the construction of the locks

and dams on the river named. Plans or the completion of the work will be hended. Haines was shot in the abdonade at once, but whether the govern ent or the contractor's bondsmen will take charge is not stated.

Captain E. H. Smith, a prominent citzen of Marlinton, Pocahontas county, W. Va., is in the city.

## REDRESS FROM PRUSSIA

May be Secured by the Mutual Life Insurance Company Through Action of the Government.

WASHINGTON D. C. May 25.-Th ngressional committee on inter-state and foreign commerce, unanimously oted to report in favor of the government taking action on the petition of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, asking for redress from the Prussian government for its expulsion

The committee was much impressed the hearing by the remarks of Mr. Richard A. McCurdy, president of the ompany, and by the clear statement The committee recommended the fol- folk, Va., was chosen as the next con-

Resolved. By the senate and the house, that the secretary of state be and is hereby requested to take all steps which may be necessary and pro- the board of trade to-day declared irper to obtain from the government of regular the Wabash elevator of the the Kingdom of Prussia a revocation of Chicago Elevator Company, of which

#### that kingdom was withdrawn from the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York.

It is considered certain that the resolution will pass the house, the feeling of members against the recent action of the Prussian authorities in the treatment of American merhants being particularly strong.

## GILKESON NO CANDIDATE.

His Friends Urged Him, But He Befuses Political Honors.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 25. Referring to the persistent rumor than the Democratic leaders had settled up on E. M. Gilkeson as a compromise gu-bernatorial candidate, Mr. Gilkeson in an interview to-day, says: "I am not a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination of the Democratic ticket, I shall not consider the matter at all. Some of my friends have been urging me to enter the contest, but a positive decision has been reached which is that I shall keep on doing business at the old stand, and shall become the candidate for no office whatever, and this is final.

### REPUBLICANS OF LEWIS

ty Ticket.
Special Dispatch to the Intelligence WESTON, W. Va., May 25.-The Re publican primary election held here yesterday, resulted in the selection of the following ticket: For sheriff, Lot Hall. Prosecuting attorney, J. M. Foster. County commissioner, B. B. Stout. County surveyor, James F. Ward. Assessors, W. G. Heinsman and George P. Caruthers. The vote was not large, the people being very busy at work. Republicans regard the ticket named

#### as an exceptionally strong one. Storage House Burns.

secial Dispatch to the Intelligencer. FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 25 .- An old mill at Barnesville, used bys the Barnesville Manufacturing Company for storage purposes, together with its contents, was destroyed by fire to-day. The fire was accidentally started by George F. Carrell, the company's manager, while getting roofing oil in the building. He struck a match to see if his can was full, which ignited the oil. Carrell was slightly burned. Nearby property was saved by hard efforts. The loss will be fully \$8,000,

#### Prosecution Failed to Appear.

ecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 25. When the case of Dr. F. H. Hatfield, charged with shooting and attempting to kill Beeson McDonald, in January, was called in the criminal court, it was found that both McDonald and his wife had disappeared, leaving the prosecution without witnesses. After carefully examining Hatfield to ascer tain if he was a party to the apparent effort to deteat justice, Judge Jackson postponed the trial until June 11 and placed the prisoner under \$3,500 bond.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 25,overnor Atkinson has remitted the fine of John Bean, convicted of Hiegal voting in Braxton county. He was indict ed and found guilty under the charge that having served a sentence in the penitentiary he loses his right of fran-The governor holds that having served his sentence and being restored privileges, go with it.

## Kiser Released From Custody.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 25.-T M Kiser late cashler for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in this city, who was arrested at midnight on a charge custody this evening by 'Squire Drennun, the prosecuting witness failing to appear. It is understood that Kiser's friends compromised the case by making his deficiency good.

#### Was Fatally Shot.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 25.— Wilbur Copen, son of Constable Senate lopen, shot and fatally injured Earnest Haines here. Haines had a quarre with Copen's father, and the boy took it up, and when he saw Copen proce to open fire. As soon as he fired once Copen fled and has not yet been appre

#### Moves to Parkersburg.

pecial Correspondence of Intelligencer. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 25,-The board of trade closed a deal to-day, by which the Bessemer Gas Engine Company, of Grove City, Pennsylvania vill move their plant to this city, be ginning operations about June 1. They mploy a large number of men.

## Has Stopped Tramping.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 25.-Dr. H. P. Scoffeld, aged sixty-three, mown in every state in the Union as "the tramp doctor," was sent to the poor-house here to-day upon his own application. He registered as a physi cian in this county a generation ago,

Locomotive Engineers Select Officers. MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 25,-The Brotherhod of Locomotive Engineers to-day completed the list of new officers by selecting J. C. Cousins, of Norfolk, Va., as third grand engineer, Norvention city.

#### Declared Irregular,

CHICAGO, May 25,-The director of

# BILL WILL

The Early Adjournment of Congress Prevents It - Its Passage Predicted at the Next Session.

#### SENATOR FRYE INTERVIEWED.

Foreigners Worked Up Over the Dangers to Them That Lurk in the Measure-A Clear Exposition.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer WASHINGTON. May 25,-Senator Frye to-day admitted that the early adjournment of Congress made very doubtful the passage of the shipping bill at the present session. He looks, he says, for the early passage of the bill at the next session without a doubt.

"Foreigners, I find," continued Senator Frye, "seem quite wrought up over the danger to foreign shipping that Co.'s Weekly Raview of Trade to-morlurks in the bill. Apparently they dread the competition of a large fleet of prices after a time of extraordinary buying, speculation and rise, is not new American ships. In a very recent issue of the Financial Times, of Lonwholly delightsome, however needful it may be to business health. But the don, I find confirmation of one of the strong arguments of the friends of this gradual change this year, though wearying has given opportunity to vari-

Asked to state more specifically to what he alluded in the article in the London Financial Times, the senator found the paper and read from its open-

ber 29 and of wool December I, while hides reached their maximum December ing paragraph as follows:
"The title of the article is "Transatantic Shipping and the War.' It begins

#### this way: African War Had Serious Effect.

" "The war in South Africa has had a more serious effect upon the transatlan-tic than upon any other class of ocean tonnage, for the simple reason that the majority of the vessels employed for the purposes of transport have been taken from this route; the North Atlantic steamers as a rule being large, pow erful and reasonably swift craft, admirably adapted for this species of gov

"Note," said the senator, "the next

two sentences with attention:
"The natural effect of their withdrawal has been to cripple the opportunities afforded of sending freight to and from America, and to raise the freights. It has also brought to the mind of Americans the dependence of their country on Europe, and especially upon England, for the development of their export trade, and incidentally it has strengthened the ship subsidy bill which is now before Congress.'

#### Our Dependence on Foreign Tonnage.

"Few of our people realize that threequarters of all of our exports go to Euope, and that two-thirds of our entire foreign trade is in Europe. Our dependence on foreign tonnage, British' tonnage, emphasizes the weak-ness and danger of our foreign trade, so ong as its chief commercial and maritime rival is its largest carrier. I will quote a few more of the statements made by the London Financial Times as being timely and true:

"The question whether merchandise shall or shall not be sent abroad from to freedom, his citizenship with all civic the United States is determined to quite a considerable extent by the price asked for sending it abroad, and when this is exceptionally high it must in many cases trench so far upon possible profits as to make such shipments unattrac-

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duce freights.

What I regard as of most importance

is another side to this truth that is de-

Reduction in Freights Assured.

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#### ered much below the \$34 90 asked by

the association, while prices of finished products of iron and steel have declined Imprudence of Being Dependent. more than 10 per cent within two months, without any reduction in rails, "By having this barrierraised around shapes or in shoots. 1 Lehigh pig is quoted here at \$21 and some extent, and the advocates of bounties to American shipping have not been slow to make as much as they possibly phia. But doubt about sufficient supcan of the situation. Senator Frye, in plies of steel making iron for coming a report which he has made on the ship months seems the one Impediment to removal of activity. Tin is also a shadsubsidy bill, says that the present condition of affairs indicates the imprulower, with copper and lead unchanged dence of being dependent upon England this week. Sales of Connelisville co below prices recently quoted exhibit in for transport facilities, since when England becomes involved in a foreign war strong light the change in the Iron man America suffers through lack of its acufacture customed transport facilities of trade. Obviously the broader and more general the ownership of merchant tonnage be-

#### Three Per Cent Decline in Leather.

Sudden and extensive changes are now reported in leather and boots and shoes, apparently resulting from the unercial nations (apart from English yielding refusal of many dealers to shipowners), since they will have, so to place anything like their usual order speak, two or more strings to their for the season at prices recently asked. Concessions are now reported of 21/2 to English Do Not Approve Our Flan. 5c per pair in leading grades for which "Of course," continued Senator Frye, such reduction was not reported a week "the Financial Times cannot approve ago so that the general decline averages about 2 per cent. It was doubtless our plan of aiding American ships in based in part upon considerable con ompetition with the subsidized and countied foreign ships engaged in our cessions in leather, as it now appears foreign carrying. It would rather have that substantially all staple grades have been sold at prices 14c to 14c below us try to build up our marine by buying those recently quoted, the fall average our ships in Great Britain, and letting them shift for themselves without govabout 314 per cent.

#### Movements of Breadstuffs Stationary. The movement of breadstuffs has not

in connection with the quotation is the essential truth that a rise in freights materially changed, Atlantic exports of wheat, flour included, having in ccompanies the withdrawal of any vecks 10,405,397 bushels against 8,657,165 last year, Pacific exports 2,791,791 upon which we are dependent for our against 1.932.703 last year and exports foreign carrying, a situation much em-phasized at the present moment. There of corn 13,917,631 against 10,267,662 last year. Prices have changed very little the excitement being concentrated upon corn, which declined 7-16. the addition of a large amount of new

Payments through clearing house nnage is sure to corespondingly reouth of the Potomac and west of the Alleghenies have at almost every point on greater than a year ago and the shrinkage at New York and easter "The shipping bill in providing for a large increase in tonnage thus automat-ically provides for a reduction in ocean operations connected with the cities is largely because heavy financia freights much more-fully three times of new corporations are now being re-

Fallures for the week have been 185 lishment of our shipping in the foreign in the United States against 142 last Staters to defend their freedom and intrade. This reduction in freignts will year and 20 in Canada against 16 last dependence. Apparently he and all the stimulate our people to export larger year.

#### quantities of the things not now possi-ble because the high freights leave no TRANSVAAL FRONTIER IS profitable employment in our shippards and in every industry contributory to NOW IN SIGHT.

Boers Evacuate All Their Positions South of the Vaal-Roberts and Hamilton Are Together.

#### BURGHERS ARE QUARRELING

the men amployed thereon may serve he necessitize of the nation in a time Among Themselves-All News Supof great national danger-always possipressed-Kruger Will Retire to ble-in which emergency the service rendered will be infinitely above and be-Lydenburg-Plenty of Food. youd any cost to the country resulting

> LONDON, May 26, 2:30 a. m .- The latest intelligence from Lord Roberts' headquarters at Vredefort Station, filed Thursday, at 5:45 p. m., was that the British were rapidly advancing. General Hamilton had effected a junction with Lord Roberts. The country in front of them was clear of Boers to Viljoens Drift. The Boers were evacu ating all their positions south of the Vaal river and five thousand had already crossed to the north bank. Probably General French's cavalry is dready reconnoitering the fords of the

Vaal. War office observers expect that the next dispatch from the field marshal will be dated in sight of the Transvaal frontier. Mr. Bennett Burleigh, wiring to the Daily Telegraph from Vredsfort ent officers being in most instances retelected. The exceptions were one secwould doubtless cross the Vaal river on
would doubtless cross the Vaal river on
Southern Education Society, the assista-Saturday or Sunday, The British outposts were then at Erste Geluk, nine miles north of Vredefort, and twentysix miles south of the Vanl river. The 13, leather and iron products January railway is much damaged 10, boots and shoes January 24, woolens Boer Movements My

#### Boer Movements Mysterious. While the British in overwhelming

force are thus rapidly approaching the Transvaal, the movements of the Boers are enveloped in mystery. The last Pretoria newspaper to reach Lourenzo Marques was a week old. Every one seeking to cross the Portuguese border from the Transvani is searched for newspapers and letters. Dispatches and mail letters containing even harmless references to the war are suppressed; and the only news that has emerged from the Transvaal during the last ten days has come by word of mouth. According to these oral reports, yessensational by the failure of the firm terday, the Boers were quarreling which had most strongly resisted it and for some months had led the campaign money was circulating at 80 per cent for high prices in the belief that stocks discount. Becket's firm was giving one for the rest of this year would scarcely pound in gold for five pounds in pameet demands with the next crop in doubt. The course of the market for who opposed the blowing up of the some months to come cannot well be mines, have been dismissed. Commandpredicted, as provision for the future ant Schutte had been appointed to de fend Johannesburg; and all the Brit-ish subjects had been turned out. has been made by spinners on both sides

Fear the Bridges Will be Destroyed. The Transvanlers fear that the Brit-

to prompt heavy buying, has hindered free purchases of goods without doubt, ish will blow up the bridge at Komati Poort, thus cutting off their supplies and there is of late somewhat morcomplaint of cancellations and of slow collections. But the market is waiting from Delagoa Bay; and a commando of five hundred is guarding the bridge ather unhealthy; with quick adjustagainst any such attempt by British nent to a lower range of prices for maralders. It is reasserted that President Kru

terial it might soon become as active as at any other time for years. The ger will retire to Lydenburg when fight-ing is imminent at Johannesburg, and silk manufacture is helped by reduction in prices of raw, and the decline in Ma-Pretoria. Concern is expressed at Prenila hemp also aids a manufacture toria with reference to the possibility which is beginning to accomplish more that General Carrington may comdown from Rhodesla with five thousand men to co-operate with as many more entering the Transvaal by way of The nominal price of Bessemer plg is help without change at Pittaburgh and Mafeking. Horse sickness is said to without transactions. Bessemer is of- have broken out among General Car-

#### rington's animals. Trying to Consolidate South Africa. Mr. Cecil Rhodes is at Beir, Portu-

guese East Africa. Mr. Fuller, a member of the Cape avilament who is supposed to confidante of Mr. Rhodes, said in the course of a speech at Cape Town, yeserdny, when proposing the health of Mr. Rhodes, that the latter was "working to consolidate South Africa from the Zambesi to Table Bay." Major Baden-Powell declines to act

on the suggestions of his friends that be should return to England for rest. He is determined to retain his active ommand at the front. Advices from Mafelring, dated May 20, say:

"The Boers are entrenching at Pol-fontein, ten miles east of Mafeking. The Northern rallway is now repaired to a point within four miles of the town. Ample supplies of plain food are

"Colonel Baden-Powell voluntarily gave up fifty-three Boers and thirteen vounded to the Boer commandant, who thanked him for his kindness."

#### The Rebel Natives Attacked.

The Baratongs, stimulated by the British successes, attacked the rebel natives at Reitfontein, May 19, took much loot. They released Sani, the old chief who had rendered good rvice to the British in keeping Mafe king supplied with news of the Boer op-

The railway south of Mafeking is being rapidly repaired and the bridge a Taungs can now be used.

Refugees from Mafeking are passing brough Taungs, bound for the Cape. Two thousand Boers are near Ficks burg, besides small roving parties that me into contact with the British

while reconnoitering. President Steyn was with these Boers inst Monday, organizing and inspiriting them and drafting recalcitrants in

British Seizing Supplies and Stock. The British are sweeping the country far and wide, seizing horses, cattle and grain. Yesterday President Steyn was ported to be at Bethlehem with a small field force, appealing to the Fre

#### join the Transvasiers, but will remain in the northeastern section of the Free State. On Tuesday there was heavy cannonading at Mochenenso, near Bethlehem. The firing began at dusk. Why and with what result is not known at Mazeru, Basutoland, where the

news arrived yesterday. More Troops For Africa. LONDON, May 25.—The secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lans-downe, discussing military matters in the house of lords to-day, announced. that 11,000 additional troops would be

sent to South Africa next month. In the course of his speech, Lord Cansdowne said:

"It is a formidable problem how recruiting is to be kept up when the ex-citement of the present campaign has worn off. I do not think that an in-crease of pay would tend to make the rmy popular to the extent that some suppose; but the war office is devoting, itself to this question and I believe that change contemplated would tend to render the army more acceptable as every class in the country."

#### CARD PLAYING

And Other Amusements Discussed by Methodists To-day-Warm Time Anticipated.

CHICAGO, May 25 .- With but four exceptions, the Methodist General Con-ference to-day elected to serve during the next quadrennial all the escretaries and assistant secretaries of the churchs enevolences and the editors of the various official church publications, present officers being in most instances re-Southern Education Society, the assist-ant secretary of the missionary society and editors of the Central and Western Christian Advocates.

Can a Member Go to the Theatre? The conference also took up for final disposition the report of the committee on the state of the church in regard to the attitude of the Methodist church on card playing, theatre going and other as present prohibited amusements, and the prospects appear favorable for an excedingly lively debate on this subject to-morrow, before it is finally disposed of. The majority report as presented by Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, favors the removal from the penal code of the book of discipline of the matter bearing on this subject and placing it in the advisory. The minority reports favors no action. Many of the best debaters of the great Methodist body have announced their intention of speaking on the subject.

#### PEORIA OVERTURE Causes Acrimonious Debate in Pres-

byterian General Assembly. ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 25.—The most important feature of to-day's session of the Presbyterian general assembly was the reappearance of the Peoria, overture, which was thought to have been given a rest by adoption at the morning session, and the appointment of a creed revision committee. One of the New York commissioners offered two amendments as substitutes to the section of the Peoria overture, which section of the Peoria overture, which provide for the number of members of the standing committee and the appointment of chairmen. The substitutes provide that an additional member shall be on each committee, and that the moderator shall appoint the chairmen of the committees. Action will be taken on the amendments before shall adjournment of the assembly. The greater part of the afterneon was occupied by reports of committees.

## INDEPENDENT OIL COMPANIES

Join Together in an Immense Concern Under New Jersey Laws,

TRENTON, N. J., May 25-Papers were filed at the state department too day increasing the capital stock of the Pure Oil Company from \$1,000,000 to \$10,4

Pure Oil Company from \$1,006,000 to \$19,000,000. The company is incorporated
to manufacture, refine and transport
oil, and it is understood it will work in
conjunction with the United Pipe Line
Company. The certificate is signed by
James W. Lee, president, and Welliam
R. Duncan, secretary.
The written consent of the stockholders to the increase of capital shows the
signatures of a number of independent
oil companies, among them being the
American Oil Works, Continental Refining Company, Columbia Oil Company, Seneca Oil Works, Emery Oil
Company, Germania Refining Company, Independent Refining Company, Independent Refining Company
and E. H. Jennings & Brother.

#### WIRE WHISPERS.

The Cherry Valley Iron Company, of Pittsburgh, has been incorporated, with an authorized capital of \$350,000. Fire yesterday destroyed the Washe ington chair factory at Washington C. H., Ohlo, Estimated loss, \$58,000; in-surance, \$20,000.

In a wreck on the electric suburban ne at Akron yesterday, three passen-ers were killed, three were fatally and number were seriously injured.

William Waldorf Astor has sent a heck for £10,000 to the Maldenhead ottage hospital, in London, in cele-ration of the coming age of his eldess The suit to oust the Continental To-

acco Company from doing business in thio, on the ground that it is a trust, was argued in the supreme court on a emurrer filed by the company.

Richard Gardner, the colored prison-r who so narrowly escaped lynching thursday night at Athens, Ohio, was ent to Columbus yesterday for safe-Leaders of the Amalgamated Associa-on of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers say Leaders of the Amalgamated Assets the of Iron, Steel san Tin Workers say they are determined to organize several large mills when the new scale is signed by the manufacturers. They say it is now time to force several mills, including plants at Braddock and Homestead, into line.

Weather Forecast for To-day. For Western Pennevivania—Generally, fair Saturday and Sunday; light to fresh southerly winds and West Virginia—Generally fair Saturday and Sunday; light southerly winds.

Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows: